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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

You may be interested in the attached Communist broadcast treatment of certain aspects of Dr. Teller's testimony before the Johnson Committee. I am attempting to append an appropriate comment to this and forward a copy to Mr. Weisl to illustrate Communist treatment of these hearings.

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(TEXT) DR. TELLER IS A WORLD-RENOWNED U.S. SCIENTIST. BECAUSE OF HIS WORK IN THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS FIELD, HE IS KNOWN IN THE UNITED STATES AS THE "FATHER OF THE HYDROGEN BOMB."

RECENTLY, HE WAS CALLED TO GIVE EVIDENCE BEFORE THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE CHARGED WITH INVESTIGATING THE REASONS WHY THE UNITED STATES' GUIDED MISSILE AND SATELLITE PROGRAM IS LAGGING BEHIND THAT OF THE SOVIET UNION.

DR. TELLER, ONE OF THE HEADS OF THE NUCLEAR PHYSICS DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, GAVE THE SENATORS HIS VIEWS ON THE PRESENT STATE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN THE SOVIET UNION. HE SUMMED UP HIS ATTITUDE WITH THE WORDS: "TH RUSSIANS ARE AHEAD OF US." HE SAID, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT WITHIN A FEW YEARS THE USSR WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE WEATHER IN THE UNITED STATES AND TO CAUSE RAIN OR DROUGHT THERE AS IT PLEASED.

DR. TELLER MAY TELL THE SENATORS WHATEVER HE LIKES. AFTER ALL, HE IS A LEARNED MAN. WHAT IS INTERESTING TO US IS THAT HIS THEORY ABOUT EVENTUAL SOVIET CONTROL OVER THE WEATHER OF THE UNITED STATES WAS QUICKLY GRABBED UP BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, THE DEMOCRATIC SENATOR FROM TEXAS, LYNDON JOHNSON. THE LATTER BLANDLY ACCUSED THE USSR OF BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DROUGHTS WHICH REGULARLY AFFECT HIS STATE.

TEXAS HAS BEEN SUFFERING FROM A CATASTROPHIC LACK OF MOISTURE FOR YEARS NOW AND IS STEP BY STEP TURNING INTO A DESERT. THE U.S. AUTHORITIES HAVE SO FAR DONE NOTHING TO DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION. THERE IS NO MONEY AVAILABLE FOR AFFORESTATION AND THE BUILDING OF WATER RESERVOIRS BECAUSE OF REARMAMENT.

SENATOR JOHNSON EAGERLY GRASPED THIS CHANCE TO JUSTIFY HIMSELF TO HIS ELECTORS. "THERE YOU HAVE IT. THE DROUGHT IS DUE TO THE RUSSIANS, TO THE COMMUNISTS!" POOR TEXAS, AND LUCKY SENATOR JOHNSON! THERE CANNOT BE MANY U.S. SENATORS WHO CAN AS EASILY EVADE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PROBLEMS OF THE STATE WHOSE ELECTORS HAVE SENT THEM TO WASHINGTON.

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